

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 266
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Mike Cooper,
Sponsor Leigh Ann Rainey and the Collierville
High School Cheerleaders on winning the
Medium Varsity Division of the 2003 National
High School Cheerleading Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and
commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits,
bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Collierville High School cheerleading program is renowned as a bastion
of extraordinary athletic facility and as a squad of remarkably competitive stature in the world of
high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Collierville cheerleaders achieved a notable level of success during the
2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, competing in the 2003 National High School Cheerleading Championship
sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association and held in Orlando, Florida, on February
8 and 9, 2003, the Collierville cheerleaders prevailed over 59 teams to secure the national title

in the Medium Varsity Division of this event, showcasing true athleticism and the spirit of constructive sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, qualifying for this prestigious competition, these young women wowed the crowd and the judges with their performance at the regional competition in November 2002; and

WHEREAS, in the preliminary competition of the National High School Cheerleading Championship, the Collierville squad delivered an astounding performance that qualified them to advance directly to the finals, thus bypassing the semifinal round; and

WHEREAS, in finals competition, the Collierville cheerleaders performed a virtually flawless routine, overpowering the other contenders for the national championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team have proven themselves exceptional artists and athletes, winning the national title for the first time in the history of Collierville High School; and

WHEREAS, the Collierville cheerleading squad includes Captain Tiffany Trammel, Co-Captain Liz Lowery, Jennifer Abplanalp, Lauren May, Jessica McKay, Cathy Walker, Brittany Whittington, Katie Colon, Katie Doyle, Candace King, Lauren Ruth, Christy Taylor, Kelsey Bryant, Sharon Jackson, Kristen Pittenger, and Jade Sargent; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Mike Cooper laid the groundwork for the national championship by sharing with the young women on the squad his substantial knowledge of cheerleading and his passion both for the sport of cheerleading and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dr. Tim Setterlund and Sponsor Leigh Ann Rainey also contributed considerably to the team's success by most willingly lending their support to the cheerleading program; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders at Collierville High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, these cheerleaders have inspired the student body and united the entire Collierville community while completing their triumphal run during this championship season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship cheerleading season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Collierville Cheerleaders for winning the Medium Varsity Division of the National High School Cheerleading Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Mike Cooper and the Collierville High School Cheerleaders on their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary victory in the 2003 National High School Cheerleading Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.